Dear Bud, early 4/27/72

I've done a bit of thinking on two things, Springfield and civil suit vs Frank and Doubleday. On Springfield, my hunch now is that unless I can get specific leads, now is not the time to go there. I think if we have specific things to check out, we can come up with specific answers. If we try to begin with nothing but an allegation, the prospects are poor, the prospects of having records altered is increased, and the time and money might better be spent when we do have specifics. If we can't ~~xxx~~ get specifics, I think we want to reserve judgement on our source. If we get them, then I think it may well be worth the trip, but I'll try and learn first if we can get a reporter to get copies of the records, and I had started working on this before you saw the Life letter, and if that is possible, the tri still is not essential.

On civil suit, I'll strart a file, for I am fairly confident we can have enough on malice to justify the taking of depositions and I am certain " now have deliberateness of defamation, deliberateness of error that is designed to defame and deny possibility of day in court, by checking back to some of original quoted sources. H